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SUBJECT: SOME DETAILS ON WEST LIBERATION FRONT LEADERSHIP

1. POST UNAWARE EXTENT DEPARTMEN INFORMATION CONCERNING WEST SOMALI
LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF). FOLLOWING INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM
REPORT PROVIDED BY SOMALI REFUGEE WHO CLAIMS PERSONAL ACQUINTANCE
WITH CERTAIN WSLF LEADERS. POST UNABLE JUDGE RELIABILITY THIS
INFORMATION.

2. STRUCTURE OF ORGANIZATION. PRESENT ORGANIZATION IS RESULT 1976
FUSION OF TWO LIBERATION GROUPS, BOTH FOUNDED IN 1962: THE BALE-SIDAM
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LIBERATION FRONT AND THE WESTERN LIBERATION FRONT FOUNDED IN HARAR.
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STRUCTURALLY, THE ORGANIZATION IS MODELLED ALONG ALGERIAN LIBERATION
FRONT LINES WITH A CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS KEPT A
SECRET. SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONAL DUTIES ARE HANDLED BY SECRETARIATS,
WITH A CELL STRUCTURE AT THE BASE.

3. LEADERSHIP. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE KNOWN TO THE INFORMANT T
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BE MEMBERS OF THE SLF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH IS NOMINALLY BASED IN MOGADISCIO. THE WSLF IS LARGELY FUNDED BY THE SAUDIS AND IS CHARACTERIZED BY THE INFORMANT AS PRO-ARAB AND PRO-WESTERN.

A. ABDILLAH HASSAN MOHAMEDM CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY GENERAL. BORN IN 1940 AT JIJIGA, WHERE HE DID BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION. LATER WORKED AS A TEACHER IN ETHIOPIA. IN 1966, HE FLED TO SOMALIA, WHERE HE FOUND EMPLOYMENT AS A PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER. IN 1972, HE BECAME A REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER BASED IN MOGADISCIO. HE JOINED THE WSLF IN 1975 AND BECAME ITS CHAIRMAN IN 1976.

B. ALI IBRAHIM ADAN. BUSINESSMAN FROM THE HARGEISA AREA. ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD. WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE FRONT, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING ABOUT THE 1976 UNION OF THE TWO FRONTS. HAS STRONG TIES TO SAUDI LEADERS AND MAY BE CHANNEL FOR FINANCING.

C. AHMED HUSSEIN HAILE. ABOUT 32 YEARS OLD AND FROM THE HARGEISA AREA. ALLEGEDLY HAD SOME U.S. CONNECTIONS. AN EMPLOYEE AT THE COLLEGE

OF EDUCATION AT HARGEISA (GRANTEE OR USAID ACTIVITY?), WHERE HE WORKED IN STUDENT RECORD OFFICE. HAS REPUTATION AS WSLF INTELLECTUAL LEADER.

D. MUSA MOHAMED H. MUSSEIN. FORMER STUDENT AT LAFODE COLLEGE, WHERE HE WAS ENGLISH MAJOR.

E. MOHAMED MAHMOUR NUR. ANOTHER FORMER STUDENT AT LAFODE COLLEGE, WHERE HE WAS A PHYSICS MAJOR.

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4. POST REQUESTS MORE INFORMATION ON WSLF, WHICH IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY A FORCE TO RECKON WITH IN DJIBOUTI.
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